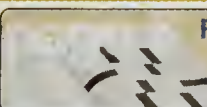




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Chronicles of a PUC SOLDIER

Life behind a gun



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Sam Kariuki says his biggest threat as a gunner are improvised explosive devices. "Honestly, I'm in an armored vehicle. Small arms fire doesn't really affect me," Kariuki said.



Casey
Brandon
Staff Writer

Nearly nine months in, three gunners have slowly felt the weight of over a hundred missions upon their shoulders.

These gunners – of 2nd section, 1st platoon, F Company 151 – have been going out on missions nonstop, doing their jobs.

Specialists Wayne Aberegg, Sam Kariuki, and Eric Mentz have been dealing with the stresses and rewards, five to six times a week.

"It's starting to get more draining," Kariuki said.

The responsibility of surveying is overwhelming for him.

"You don't want to miss something that can blow up another truck and [think] 'I could of caught it,'" Kariuki said.

Aberegg agrees.

"It's getting old. The trunk is in my hands being a gunner," he said. "I have to be able to direct my driver and provide security and keep track of so many things."

Mentz says every detail during missions is significant, therefore having a stressful impact on a gunner.

"You're looking for stuff that you probably can't spot, and it blow up something else, but you could of seen it," he said. "It's always on you."

They go out anywhere from

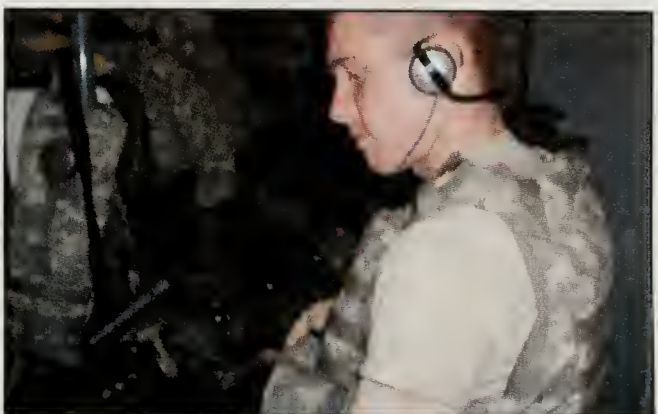


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Life as middle gun truck is like any other gunner. Every gunner deals with the same threats, Eric Mentz says.

four to eight hours each time. While out on mission, this trio of gunners face many threats and undergo a lot of stress.

As lead gun truck, Kariuki assumes he's a "pathfinder." Observation for their biggest threats – improvised explosive devices – are usually the hardest to find. He says he programs himself to memorize routes and at the same time, watch for threats to the convoy.

Yet for being a middle gun truck, Mentz believes the hardest part is scanning 360 degrees successfully for both the front and rear trucks.

Aberegg knows his position as rear of the convoy isn't as hard as gun one, but has the biggest effect.

"It's the part of the convoy that gets attacked the most," he said.

Their area of responsibility can sometimes be too much for one person. They are at the same

time the eyes and ears of their truck as well as for the rest of the convoy.

They have faith in each other and the other members of the convoy to do their jobs and keep each other safe. It is a faith that has been built up over time.

"You're hoping that the trucks in front of you are doing their job and watching for threats against you coming from the front of the convoy," Aberegg said. "You have faith they are so you can do your job."

The thing that can make or break the faith is becoming complacent. Each one struggles with it from time to time. With so many missions completed successfully, it's hard not to. Life behind a gun is indeed hard, but it's a position they would never abandon.

"I am in charge of the overall safety of the convoy," Mentz said. "I wouldn't want to do anything else."

Chancellor addresses Master Building Plan

Kim Cheek
Staff Writer

Chancellor Howard Cohen revealed PUC's master building plan to Hammond residents during a speech March 8 at the Calumet Conference Center.

The plan, which highlights PUC's future building expansion, concerned the mostly elderly residents who live on 173rd Street, Wicker Avenue and Woodmar Avenue. Residents complained about student speeding, littering, and parking on residential streets that they believed would only increase if the campus expanded.

The building plan, created by urban designing firm Sasaki Associates in cooperation with the university, would work to resolve campus problems such as study space, meeting rooms, laboratories and general-use buildings.

Cohen said the administration also wants to connect the campus using green spaces, noting the campus is currently connected only by a "sea of parking."

An area of trees called the East West Groves will separate buildings from parking lots down the center of the campus, running north and south. It is expected to be in place in the next two to three years.

The plan also calls for a glass

addition to SUL that will act as the "front door" of the campus. The addition will house extra library and conference spaces.

A new Emerging Technologies building will be built south of SUL as well. This \$25 million project will house teacher education, nursing, and biology classrooms.

Phase 2 of student housing, which will sit to the east of the current University Village, is set to begin at the end of this month. To increase the safety of residential students, the traffic light at 173rd St. may be moved to one end of the housing area.

In addition, the Gyte Annex will be demolished. Cohen said a walkway will most likely be built until the university can raise funds for a new building.

Residents were also concerned about the rumored buy-out of surrounding homes. Sasaki presented that to us as an option, but unless all residents agreed, we would rather build parking garages to save space and homes, Cohen said.

At least two new parking garages are scheduled in later phases of the plan, and if built, will be in the south parking lot area.

The plan is based on need and there is no timetable, Cohen said. It's also subject to changes depending on the amount of student growth.

Faculty members propose extensive recycling program

Shelly Leverenz
Chronicle Correspondent

After Campus Greens initiated a petition for an extensive campus recycling program in January, students and faculty alike have recently expressed their desire for a program that includes recyclables beyond paper.

Two faculty members made the cause official by proposing a complete, campus-wide recycling program to PUC administration two weeks ago.

"I think everyone at PUC recognizes recycling is an important part of working towards a sustainable campus," Hal Lusk, director of Facilities Services, said. Lusk along with assistant director of Facilities Services Karen Sullivan proposed the program.

The proposed recycling program is currently being researched, and one of the main concerns for the program is

funding. Once funding is found and all of the data is collected, the campaign will be presented to the Senior Leadership Team.

"Hopefully, we can find funding to get a program up and running," Sullivan said. "We definitely need a recycling program at PUC. It will be good for the campus as well as the community."

Currently the campus recycling programs focuses solely on paper in offices, computer labs and the library. The paper is collected, bundled, and picked up by Loop Recycling on an as-needed basis.

All other potential recyclables are currently thrown away at PUC.

Every PUC building has a lounge area consisting of plastic bottle vending machines. Some spots, such as the cafeteria and CLO's Grab 'n Go, supply food in large plastic containers that were disposed.

PUC's Purchasing Department is currently in charge of recycling on campus.

ADMINISTRATIVE update

Purdue Calumet Intramurals: *What's your game?*

Our Intramurals program is more than sports; come, participate!

While many students are familiar in some way with our Intramurals program, the following Q&A provides more information about Intramurals at Purdue Calumet.

Q: What is Intramurals?

A: Intramurals are sports and recreational activities that are open to all Purdue Calumet students, faculty and staff.

Q: How many Intramural activities are offered?

A: There are 43 throughout the fall, spring and summer terms.

Q: What if I don't like sports?

A: The great thing about Purdue Calumet Intramurals is its unique variety. We have traditional sports like flag football, soccer, volleyball and basketball, as well as other activities such as baking, gardening and fishing.

Q: How do I join?

A: You can register on line at www.calumet.purdue.edu/intramurals. Or stop by the Fitness Center and pick up an entry form.

Q: Do I need to find a team on which to participate?

A: No, we can place you on a team. It's a great way to meet people and make new friends.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

Free-Throw/ 3 point contest

Date: Wednesday, March 19. Entry Deadline: March 18

Ping Pong Tournament

Date: Wednesday, March 26. Entry Deadline: March 24

Open Play Ultimate Frisbee

Dates: Wednesday, April: 9/16/23 & 30 at 6pm until dark
Location: grassy area between Gyte and Lawshe

Team Bench Press Challenge

Date: Wednesday, April 16 at 7pm
For details stop by the Fitness Center

For more info about our intramurals program, call 219/989-2050

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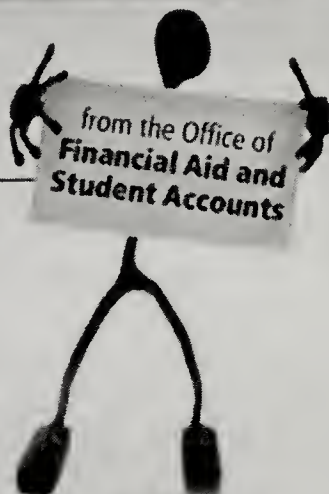
Spring 08 - Students with outstanding spring term balances should access PCSTAR to see if documents are needed to complete their financial aid file.

The deadline to request a student loan for '07-08 is Friday, May 2, 4:30 p.m.

Summer 08 - Award letters to eligible students will be sent the week of March 31.

Fall 08 - To be considered for a Purdue Calumet scholarship, students must submit a Scholarship Interest Questionnaire. Forms are available at the Enrollment Services Center, Lawshe 130, or by accessing...

www.calumet.purdue.edu/financial/SCHOLINT_0809.pdf



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If you haven't already done so, complete and file your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 08-09 aid year at www.fafsa.ed.gov

What's Going On? A Look Around...

Chancellor's Reading Circle

The spring Chancellor's Reading Circle will be held on Mar. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper house, one block from campus.

Dr. John Lucas will facilitate a discussion of the book "Wins, Losses and Lessons" by Lou Holtz. Interested students may register in the Office of Student Activities at SUL 104B. Books are free and refreshments are provided.

Faculty Research Network Luncheon

Professor Casimir Barczyk of the management department will present the results of his research on "Reactions of Professors to Scenarios of Academic Dishonesty" at the Faculty Research Network Luncheon on March 26 in SUL 321.

The research was conducted last spring by means of a web-based survey completed by faculty members at PUC.

The survey asked how professors would handle various situations of student dishonesty and plagiarism.

The luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Two other faculty members will be presenting the results of their research at the luncheon.

RSVP to Terri Chance at 989-3264. For more information, please contact Barczyk at 989-2382 or Professor Amlan Mitra at 989-2313.

Student delegates

If you're a successful student who is a respected member of the community and role model, then join Purdue Alumni Associate Calumet Student Delegates.

Movie in Calumet Falls

Tune into "Rush Hour 3" March 24 in Calumet Falls TV Lounge at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Free popcorn will be served.

Mental health issues discussion

"Understanding Common Mental Health Issues" will be facilitated Ryan Parsons-Rozycki and Deborah Wade.

Both are counselors at the PUC Counseling Center.

The discussion will be held Wednesday, March 19 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in SUL 321.

Learn about common mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder.

Find out the most effective means of dealing with these mental health conditions and where to seek help.

This session qualifies as "Health Awareness" for Healthy Purdue 2008.

Workout incentive

Workout 12 times during the month of March and receive a prize. Workout cards are located at the REC Center Fitness Desk. Mark the date or color of egg for each day that you exercise. Turn in your "carton of eggs" to receive a prize.

Workout for 20 minutes either cardiovascular exercise or weight training. Exercise can be performed either at the REC Center or outside on your own.

For more information, contact 989-2540.

Single parents symposium

International Women's Organization will be presenting "Single Parents Symposium" on Friday, March 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Gyte 007-D.

A panel of single parents from different walks of life can share and discuss their experiences with going to school, working and raising children. The panel will also offer idea son ways to cope with single parenthood.

Open discussion is encouraged by all who attend. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Counseling Center and International Women's Organization.

Submitting Briefs

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Where is computer etiquette?



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Here's my daily rant. Why on earth do students deem it necessary to play World of Warcraft alone in a room designed for group meetings?

Take, for example, the white-board rooms in the Gyte Learning Commons. There's a four-chair setup in front of a dry-erase board, and usually only one is occupied with some student with a laptop WoWing it up. Looking across the hall of the main commons, there's plenty of open space to do the exact same thing at a not-so-group oriented environment.

Speaking of WoW, why is it when people play it on the WiFi, everyone around them suffers from poor connection quality - if they can get it at all. I'm not blaming the players, I'm just curious as to why the campus would put such a poor effort to a wireless connection that anyone with a second grade education and patience can set up.

The room right next to that are equipped with booths and 30 other single computers which remain mostly open. The booths are designed for two or more people (assuming two+ usually designates a group) and people will sit there for hours and hours alone. When these people are asked to move for groups to sit, they throw a tantrum and storm out of there even though the signs clearly say groups are more important.

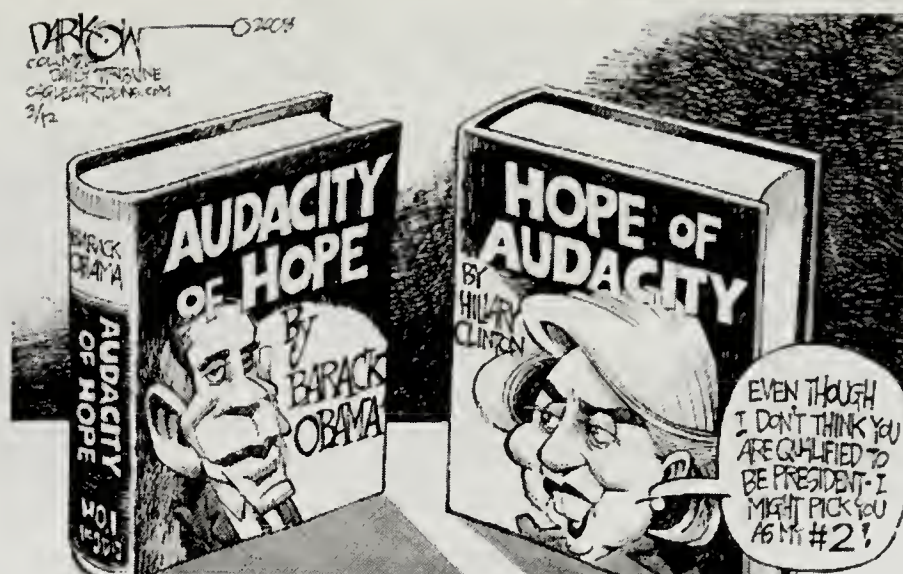
Get over it.

My personal favorite thing, of all the silly things students do here at PUC, is seeing FaceSpacers (people relentlessly searching Facebook and Myspace for hours on end) on the dual-monitor computers designed for graphic arts, video editing, and engineering. I've needed to use those computers to finish up a project and those are the only computers outside of classrooms that have the necessary software.

I asked a student if I could use the computer only to be retorted with a "ugh", followed by a snotty look and over-accentuated motions of shutting the computer down and packing up their stuff for the 5 foot move to a regular computer not occupied.

Whoa buddy, believe it or not, every computer on the campus (and the planet for that matter) has the capability to FaceSpace and to even check your e-mail.

Etiquette people. We're all in this for the long-haul and the least we can do is respect each other enough to not take up an entire room by yourself just to enjoy the peace and quiet of gaming or random internet surfing.



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A new recycling program

The issue: recycling on campus

Our opinion: An extensive recycling program needs to be implemented

In a university where the use of recyclable material is a norm, surprisingly there is not a steady, extensive recycling program on campus.

The Campus Greens are making an effort to change that by proposing a campus-wide recycling program to the PUC administration. Director and assistant director of Facilities Services Hal Lusk and Karen Sullivan have also expressed concern about this ongoing issue.

While there are a few buildings

that have bins dedicated to paper, the only way recyclables like plastics, batteries, and aluminum cans be disposed of properly is if students and faculty go out of his or her way to properly dispose of it.

Proper disposal of recyclables can lead to a cleaner campus as recycling bins can discourage them to simply leave trash on the floor, as is usually the case in rooms like Calumet Falls. It can also lead to a decrease of littering outside the campus, an issue that residents have expressed concern about.

With the amount of trash thrown away, who knows much of it can actually be recycled?

A recycling program would not only lead to a better environment, but it would lead to a cleaner campus, inside and outside.

Extra costs in bins should not deter implementing this extensive recycling program.

Bins for paper is an essential key for our recycling program. Now we just need to do our part and include other recyclables.

Letter to the Editor

On behalf of Student Employment, thank you for the editorial on "raising the bar for compensation".

We appreciate the insights and observations and agree with these views. Retention is of the utmost importance. We want our students to graduate; we encourage working on campus because it is easier to work and attend class at the same venue which has statistically proven to increase retention rates. It not only saves time and minimizes stress, but saves money considering the rising cost of gasoline.

Student Employment strives to place students in positions that relate to their major. However, this is not always possible. But please remember that gaining transferable skills is equally important in any job. Employers

value these skills which supplement your degree. For example, communicating, motivating, representing, or troubleshooting, marketing, coordinating, organizing, teamwork, writing, gathering data, and customer service just to name a few.

Character traits such as respect for others, integrity, enthusiasm, and professionalism are equally important for a successful career. There is opportunity for growth no matter what the job. Being proactive is the key to success; the desire to learn new skills and improve others.

While we agree that increased wages are absolutely necessary to compete with the off campus job market, we do need an increase in jobs on campus, especially jobs geared toward student majors.

The average wage on campus is \$6.57, less than a dollar more than minimum wage which is currently \$5.85. Minimum wage will increase about 12% in July to \$6.55.

While an increase is always welcomed, it is still not adequate for our students trying to pay numerous bills.

Higher wages on campus coupled with more positions tailored to majors offered at Purdue will definitely enhance retention and graduation! Student Employment and the University are working hard to accomplish these goals. I am optimistic that gradually we will be able to reach them.

Patience, continued support and cooperation from staff, faculty and students are needed for us to succeed. Thank you.

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Peregrine Path woes

Isabel Rodriguez
Editor in Chief



It's a normal day. Lecture at 9:30 a.m. Office hours after. Perhaps a stroll down to CLO to visit with a professor.

A walk across campus varies between adventure and normalcy. Where's the normalcy in walk down Peregrine Path? You spot a familiar faces occasionally. Look at the same scenery passing Founders Plaza. Students sit on the benches, talking. Maintenance workers clean. Administrators breeze by with papers in hand.

So where's the adventure?

Sure, these are general occurrences but it's never known what will actually be encountered during each day.

Here's a quick timeline from one Monday morning:

* A nice walk to class turns into a remake of a Jerry Springer Show. I see two students in the distance from my walk from SUL to CLO for class. A male and female student are arguing, cursing, and soon start shoving each other.

Yawn. This happens more on campus than people think. I pull out my cell phone effortlessly, ready to dial 2911. They finally disband, but walk away still shouting obscenities.

* There seems to be new decorator on campus. The discovery of a new tagging "compliments" the Porter building sign inscribed on the wall. What is this? High school? Some bathrooms were also etched with symbols as well. So much for doodling on paper during lecture.

* I must admit, I miss manners. I encountered a door shut in my face when entering Gyte later in that day. I'm inches away and yet this person fails to at least hold the door open with a finger.

Nah, why be polite? It's every person for themselves.

* A gentleman decided to call a fellow female student a (fill in the blank) after she took so long walking slowly in her heels. I can understand the frustration (especially when in a hurry) but is there any need to call someone such an awful name?

* During a walk from Powers into CLO, a group of students decide to stop and chat. That's fine, but please don't do so in middle of rush hour on Peregrine Path. Yet it happens so much, you learn to easily dodge around rather than say "excuse me."

I enjoy (sometimes) traveling around campus, especially Peregrine Path for all the wrong reasons now. It's somewhat unbelievably humorous to acknowledge how rude PUC students can be to their fellow classmates. What once used to be a decent campus is slowly being infested by some selfish, rude, ungrateful students.

And the thing is, this all is becoming too normal unfortunately.

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A change of scenery for your desktop



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Avid users can spice up their desktops with easy installations. Try installing Rocket Dock or Lauchy.

Mike Schaefer
Production Manager



Some have grown tired of the same old Windows environment. Others have had Windows XP for a few years and have the itch for change. There are many options to do this, and the easiest is to buy a Mac or install Kubuntu (Linux).

Unfortunately, a good Mac is anywhere around \$1,000 or up. Linux, as easy as

Ubuntu/Kubuntu, is still a rocky road to the goal of having a useful machine. Also, games can't be played on either operating systems. So here we are, back at Microsoft's swan song.

There are about a billion and one free programs that can completely transform the user interface to something that works with the way the user works - while looking fantastic at the same time.

Start with a simple theme replacement. There's a file called uxtheme.dll buried in the main Windows folder. It controls the theme layout for anything visual on the machine. Unfortunately, Microsoft has locked this from custom theme developers.

Google search "uxtheme multi patcher" and click on the first option given (5.5 from softpedia). Download and install this patch

and a "hacked" dll file allows use of any theme found off the wonderful thing called the Internet.

So there's a sweet theme, great. Still have a cluttered desktop with a million programs on it? Easiest way to clear that up is a program called Rocket Dock. Ever use a Mac and wish yours had that neat little dock at the bottom? That's what Rocket Dock is. It puts that dock on the desktop. Hit up rocketdock.com, download the installer file and let her rip.

What about minimized appli-

cations like chat windows? Google search "miniMIZE" and it should be one of the first options (it's from Aquaria). It minimizes the windows to the desktop directly and gives a screenshot of it so a user knows what window a user is looking at, rather than just seeing a bunch of text.

With the start menu gone, a problem of actually launching the applications is presented.

The rocket dock took up the entire bottom of the screen with the trillion applications already installed. Googling around for a bit led to the discovery of Lauchy. Lauchy is a command-line program launcher that isn't visible until the shortcut key alt+space is hit. The magnificent thing about Lauchy is it spiders around the folders desired and picks up the extensions for defining.

Have it scan the entire program files folder for *.exe files. So whenever alt+space is hit, it automatically detects what command is trying to be achieved without having to finish the word. There's other plug-ins that come with it by default allow any Web site to be utilized that has a search engine to it and use it within Lauchy.

Take Google for example. Hit alt+space and get Lauchy. Type in "goo" and it knows what is desired, so just hit tab. That allows typing a search term without having to open a web browser.

There are tons of other applications available to utilize and change the work-flow and the way Windows works without killing the ability to use windows-only programs.

I'd put a lot more here but I can only type so much. All I can say is good hunting.

'10,000 B.C.' serves a special effects feast

Mark Farber
Chronicle Correspondent

A visual feast of special effects serves up a plentiful plate of computer-generated creatures in "10,000 B.C.", but fails to satisfy in the thought department.

From Director Roland Emmerich ("Independence Day") comes "10,000 B.C." Anyone who believed Jeff Goldblum and Will Smith could bring down an alien mothership with a laptop will fall in love with this movie.

"10,000 B.C." begins with a prophecy from the shamanistic Old Mother (Mona Hammond), the spiritual guide of a tribe of mammoth hunters. One day a young girl with blue eyes is brought before her. Old Mother takes hold of her and the future courses through her mind. She prophesizes that the young girl, Evolet, will be the woman of my mightiest hunter and will make it so the tribe never go hungry again.

Yet one man doesn't believe the prophecy. He is a great leader of the tribe, but seemingly abandons them to whatever fate awaits. He leaves his son D'leh in the care of a good friend who vows to "raise him as his own". D'leh's father is called a

coward and his son is called the son of a coward. Alone, young D'leh is soon befriended by young Evolet and they quickly fall in love.

A couple years later, it is the time of the great hunt. This will decide which hunter will fulfill the prophecy by claiming the white spear and the now adult Evolet (Camille Bell). D'leh (Steven Strait) is now a man and takes his part in the hunt of the mammoths. The sounds create the ambience of the hunt and draw the audience in immediately; every ground shaking mammoth step and thunderous trumpet reverberates throughout the theater.

What follows makes up the bulk of the movie. Slave wranglers and their nameless Warlord (Affif Ben Badra) assault the tribe's village, making off with many of D'leh's friends. Old Mother blesses D'leh and his step-father Tic'Tic (Cliff Curtis) sets off to rescue the tribe. D'leh encounters monstrous ostriches, faces a somewhat gentle sabretooth tiger, befriends tribesmen and leads an army against a common enemy known as the Almighty.

There's plenty of cheesy dialogue to go around. When a tribal leader questions D'leh's ability to lead their army, D'leh replies via translator "I'm older



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D'leh, played by Steven Strait, embarks on a journey to save his tribe. He encounters many trials including a run in with a saber tooth tiger.

than I look." This is all the convincing that the leader needs to do a complete 180. Curtis delivers an inspirational speech very convincingly and with a straight face.

"10,000 B.C." is more than generous with special effects by hurling computer-generated

monster encounter after encounter at the audience. Audio is fantastic, with every tiger growl, mammoth stampede or sparring warrior's movements meticulously well-defined.

Those who enjoyed "Independence Day" will get into this movie

right away. Fans of the action genre and anyone who enjoyed the exploding White House scene should go see this special effects masterpiece. Anyone seeking a deeper story should definitely take their money elsewhere.

True life tale is electric

Darshei Goode
Staff Writer

"American Gangster," released Nov. 2, is a well-crafted movie with star turns by Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe. Both bring an interesting tale to life that was inspired by a true story.

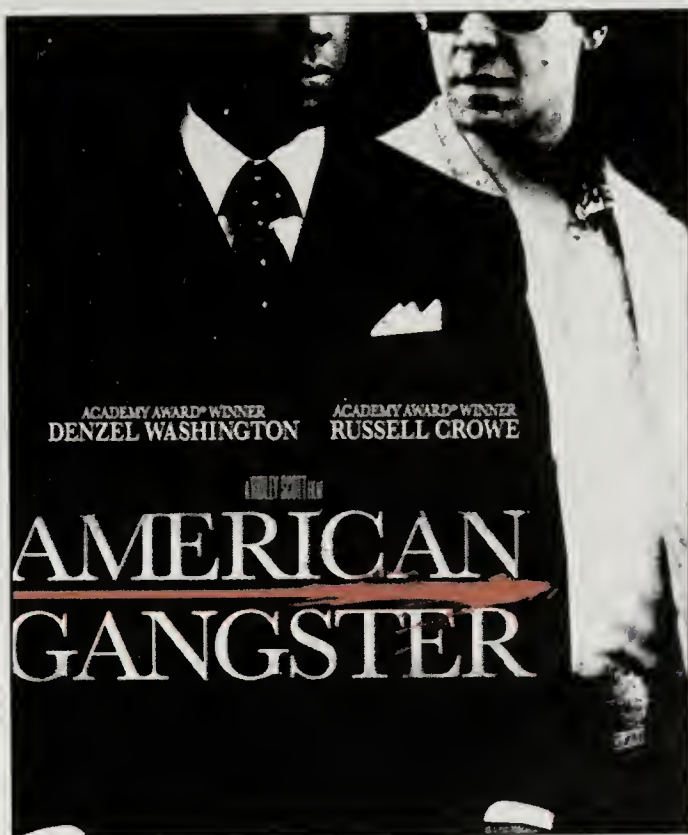
The flick hit shelves Feb. 19 featuring a two disc DVD set which includes two versions of the film; the theatrical one and one with 18 minutes of extra footage.

The storyline takes place in Harlem. Frank Lucas (Washington) is an entrepreneur who gets rich by finding ways to bring purer heroin to the masses for less. On the other side, there is Richie Roberts (Crowe) who is a cop that strives to take down and, incidentally later, defends Lucas.

The story's structure keeps Washington and Crow from having any scenes together until the end. Their lives crisscross and intercut throughout the movie. The audience finds Lucas living his life in crime while Roberts continues to track him down. In the end, Roberts gets Lucas to turn his talents toward catching the crooked cops and drug dealers who profited from his scheme.

The contrasting irony between Lucas and Roberts is what really makes this movie worth buying. They both refuse to fall into the easy definitions of good and bad and have a sense of integrity, as well as a warped morality that keeps their consciences clear. The movie jumps back and forth between its two halves until they meet.

Washington is a hugely charismatic star and definitely finds a way to bring the positivity out of



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Academy Award Winners Crowe and Washington deliver a memorable performance by creating sympathetic and heroic characters that will have viewer rooting for both sides.

his characters rather insensitive conception. Crow plays an equally sympathetic character. Washington and Crow are electric at times, holding the story together with complete force. Washington was at his best when calm, playing his character evil, but is cool about it. Crowe is solid and fantastic at creating empathy instead of sticking with the normal two-dimensional cop.

The DVD set contains an hour and 47 minutes of extras, including a 78-minute making-of documentary that offers a chance to see the real-life Frank Lucas and Richie Roberts. Special features include two deleted scenes, one of

which is an alternate opening, a five-part making-of documentary, and three behind-the-scenes featurettes.

For the theatrical version, there is an audio commentary track with director Ridley Scott and screenwriter Steve Zaillian. The artistic quality of the feature film along with the special features make the two-disc DVD set worth purchasing.

4/5 Overall Stars
★★★★☆

A book to 'Remember'

Author Sophie Kinsella's new tale offers a quick escape from everyday life

Kristen Hannagan
Staff Writer

Misplaced keys. A lost notebook. A missing shoe. These can all be found eventually.

But is it possible to find three years of lost memories?

In "Remember Me?" by Sophie Kinsella, Lexi Smart is faced with the task.

Lexi missed out on a raise at work. She has to attend her father's funeral the next day. Her boyfriend, Loser Dave ditched her. She can't find a cab ride home because her wasted friends won't stop singing and the taxi driver won't allow them in the cab. As she races for another cab, she slips and falls.

Three years later, Lexi is in the hospital and has no clue as to who she is. Her reflection is unfamiliar to her. She no longer has the body of someone with "Snaggletooth" and "Snagglehair." She's married to Eric and has climbed the corporate ladder at work.

Sounds great.

Wrong.

Lexi goes back to work at Deller Carpets, and no one likes her. Her former friends avoid her and co-workers hiss at her and she has no idea why. And the carpet business is not doing well either.

Home isn't any better. Eric gives her a manual on her life prior to her hospital stay, complete with an handy index. The loft, designed by Eric's loft firm, is not a comfortable home with its art works and expensive furniture.

Jon, an architect at Eric's firm, claims he and Lexi were having an affair and Lexi was ready to leave Eric.

Lexi's teenage sister is causes trouble with her latest schemes including a celebrity homes tour minus the celebrities. Their mother treats her dogs like humans and refuses to face realities.

With a cheery sunflower cover and an author

known for writing five books chronicling the (fictional) life of a "Shopaholic," it's easy to dismiss "Remember" as another chick-lit novel.

But "Remember" does not try to be anything but, and it's a good thing. Kinsella's fast-paced read plays out like a movie for the mind. It's easy to picture Lexi transforming from a bargain store dresser to someone who only wears the best. Lexi's concerns feel real as she cannot remember how she got her luxury handbag, let alone who she married.

"Remember" is a great temporary escape from heavy-duty school reading.



Have some spring fun with a lot of 'love'



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Incognito Sofa Love completed their album "Hot Pink," signed with record label Tribe Music and plan to tour soon.

Michael Finney
Staff Writer

The last time we checked in with "Incognito Sofa Love," they were finishing up recording an album and proceeding into the mixing stage. Since then they have finished "Hot Pink," signed with the record label Tribe Music, and began playing out more extensively in their home region of New England.

In case the name doesn't ring a bell, this British band is comprised of Rob Jensen on guitars and vocals, Justin Credible playing bass and singing and finally Mike Winslow on the drums. Together they play a style of music that seamlessly fuses jazz, blues, rock and many more.

On "Hot Pink," they leave behind some of their older psychedelic tendencies in exchange for more concise song structures and focused showmanship.

The band brings the house down through tracks like "White Powder," "Pour Me Your Love" and "Responsibility". The band frequents their hometown venue better known as Daniel Packard Inn located in Mystic, Connecticut. They have played the venue every Sunday night for over five years.

After one evening venturing to watch them perform the bar was packed as usual, which means standing room only. The place is a dingy old basement below a nice restaurant. After arrival, the band took their second break and went outside to make CD sales and talk

with fans. Once they finished, the band returned to their instruments and then destroyed the place, literally. The band ended their set with a classic, "Fellatio," which breaks down into complete punk mayhem.

By the time the final notes were struck half the tables in the place were leveled and the bands drum set had taken heavy fire.

It is recommended to check these guys out for yourself. They plan to tour in the late spring.

Video and audio are available at:

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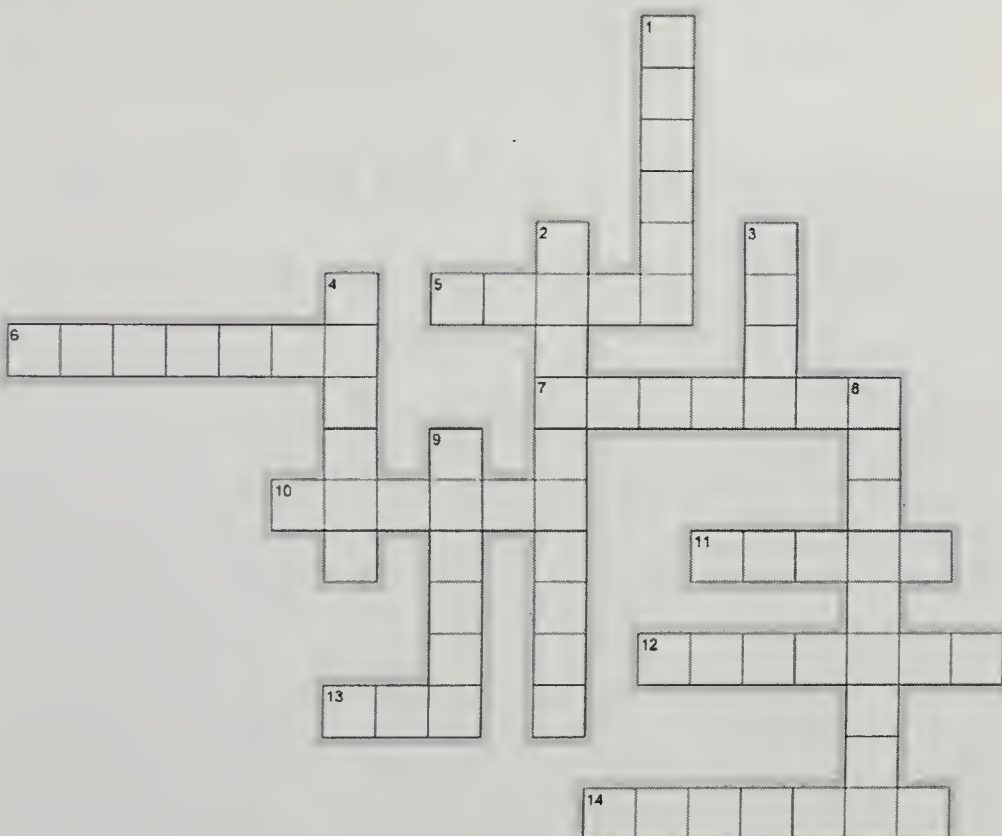
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St. Patrick's Day History**Across**

5. What does leperchaun mean?
6. Where in US the St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by an attempt to color a river green?
7. What is cured by kissing The Blarney Stone?
10. Which of the following is most likely to come up in your traditional St. Patrick's Day party?
11. What number does the shamrock signify?
12. Where was St. Patrick born?
13. What did St. Patrick do to be celebrated?
14. Which American city holds the largest St. Patrick's Day parade?

Down

1. How many years did St Patrick's mission in Ireland last?
2. What was St. Patrick's calling?
3. In Ireland, what does the color green stand for?
4. Which of the following was the first to officially celebrate the Day?
8. What profession does the leprechaun supposedly practice?
9. Where does Blarney Stone come from?

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Friday
March 21
Few Showers
39°/30°



Tuesday
March 18
Showers
50°/35°



Saturday
March 22
Mostly Cloudy
39°/31°



Wednesday
March 19
Rain/Snow
40°/31°



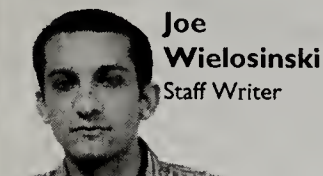
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Mostly Cloudy
44°/32°



Thursday
March 20
Sunny
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Mayweather Jr.: 'It's all about the Benjamins'



Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

WBC Welterweight Champion Floyd Mayweather Jr. will soon be stepping out of one ring and into another.

Mayweather will take the role of pro wrestler when he squares off against seven foot tall, 500 pound giant on The Big Show at World Wrestling Entertainment's "WrestleMania 24" pay per view event on March 30.

The match is nothing short of pure brilliance by WWE chairman Vince McMahon. Mayweather has no doubt been one of the top draws in boxing over the last 10 years. His fight with Oscar De La Hoya last May brought in around \$120 million in revenue, and his appearances on WWE's "Monday Night Raw" program have all been featured on ESPN.

While the match makes sense for WWE, the real question is: What does it do for Mayweather?

Let's look past the obvious, that being the \$20 million Mayweather is receiving for this publicity stunt.

While anyone can argue that "It's all about the Benjamins",

the match could seriously hurt Mayweather's reputation.

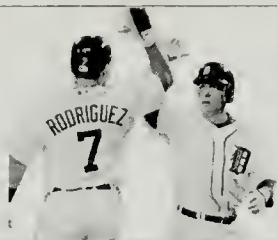
I hate to burst anyone's bubble, but if for some odd reason you didn't know, pro wrestling is fake and the match results are predetermined. Mayweather making an appearance at the event would be fine, but actually stepping into the ring is nonsense.

Wrestling and boxing are two different worlds. Boxing is looked at as a legitimate sport, with wrestling moves being choreographed. When Muhammad Ali threw punches, he was scrambling brains. When John Cena punches, his opponent knows the attack is on its way.

When Mayweather steps in to the squared circle at the end of this month, it will change my view of him. I'll remember his charades in the ring with the Big Show when he takes on De La Hoya in a rematch (currently being planned for this September) and wonder when he's going to crack him in the head with a steel chair.

Hopefully during the course of the match, the Big Show can "chokeslam" Mayweather back in to the cocky, arrogant boxer I grew to hate, yet couldn't help but watch.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Joe Wielosinski at wielosinskij1@calumet.purdue.edu or call 989-2547



Jeremy Homan's

Weekly High Five

Top Current College Basketball Coaches



1 Mike Krzyzewski (Duke)

Coach K is in his 28th season as head coach of Duke. Coach K has won over 800 career games and won three National Championships with Duke. To go along with his most NCAA Tourney wins and most Final Four appearances with 10, Coach K's achievements and reputation landed him the head coaching position for the U.S.A. Men's Olympic team.



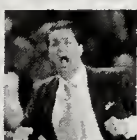
2 Pat Summit (Tennessee Lady Vols)

Summit is the winningest coach all-time men or women. Summit is won seven national championships in her 34 years as head coach and has over 900 career wins.



3 Roy Williams (North Carolina)

The Hall of Fame coach has 524 wins in 19 seasons, a win percentage that is fourth-best in history, a national championship, 11 regular-season conference titles, five Final Fours and 16 first-round draft picks.



4 John Calipari (Memphis)

He's won over 74 percent of his games during his tenure as the head coach at the University of Memphis. Calipari is in his 7th season as head coach at Memphis and has compiled a 181-63 record so far. He has seven straight 20 win seasons and two straight 30 win seasons. Though he has not won a National Championship, he has nine career NCAA tournament appearances, one final four and one NIT Championship.



5 C. Vivian Stringer (Rutger's women)

She has 37 years of coaching and over 800 wins. Stringer was the first African American coach to reach the 800 win mark. Stringer is also a Hall of Famer. Stringer became the first coach in men's or women's basketball to lead three different programs to the NCAA Tournament Final Four.

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

DOs and DON'Ts of Identity Theft

Today we're going to be going over some quick things to do and not to do to prevent or of identity theft.

- Do have your mail held at the post office while you're out of town.
- Do get a mailbox that locks.
- Do use anti-spyware and anti-virus software.
- Do be wary of online shopping sites.
- Do erase your hard drive if you ever sell or give away your computer.
- Do shred bank statements, credit card statements, pre-approved credit card offers, ATM receipts, canceled or voided checks, expired passports, visas, and credit cards, tax forms, bills, and paystubs.
- Do immediately report lost or stolen credit cards and debit cards.
- Do check your bills and bank statements as soon as they arrive.
- Do use strong passwords
- Do not get baited by phishing scams.
- Do not keep your social security card in your wallet.
- Do not provide your personal information to anyone who contacts you through a phone solicitation.
- Do not leave outgoing mail in an unsecured location. Deposit mail in USPS collection boxes.
- Do not leave mail in your mailbox overnight or on weekends.

Follow these simple tips and you'll be able to help keep yourself safe from identity theft. You can also stop by GYTE 133 and get a free CD from the federal government that will provide you with more information.

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Time to get ready for the Big Dance



It all comes down to this: Who can put together six straight wins and find themselves cutting down the nets in the Final Four in San Antonio?

Here are four keys to look at in a preview of March Madness:

1. Hoosier hoops is back

The rich basketball pride that surrounds Indiana was dealt a heavy blow in 2005 when zero Division I teams gained a birth into the tournament. Four teams come into the tournament this year with serious contention for the title:

Purdue: A late season loss at Ohio State kept the Boilers from winning their first Big Ten title since 1996. Gritty coach Matt Painter has done a good job keeping recruits in his backyard, boasting nine players from the state of Indiana, including Northwest Indiana natives E'Twaun Moore (East Chicago) and high school teammates Robbie Hummel and Scott Martin (Valparaiso). This young squad will try to gain post season experience on the fly.

Notre Dame: Coach Mike Brey's team comes into the tourney having just had their lunches handed to them in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament with the upset by Marquette. However, the Fighting Irish turned heads in the Big East

this season led by Big East Player of Year Luke Harangody from Schererville.

Indiana University: After enduring a circus that led to the eventual departure of former coach Kelvin Sampson, the Hoosiers come into the tourney with the most talent a Bloomington team has had since the Knight era. Assistant Dan Dakich (Andean High grad) took the realms of the team and leads the inside-out combo of Big Ten Player-of-the-Year D.J. White and Eric Gordon.

Butler: At a local Indianapolis Subway before the season began, rookie coach Brad Stevens entered with his Butler Bulldog sweat suit on and was asked by the employees if the coach ever came by. The fresh faced 31-year-old coach may only look like an undergrad student but his Bulldog squad is nothing short of a contender in the tournament, led by guards Mike Green and A.J. Graves.

2. Upsets are on the menu

Rather than picking the toughest mascot or the best looking uniform, try these teams:

Davidson: Getting the leftover recruits in the state of North Carolina is a tough task, but coach Bob McKillop and one of America's best shooters, Stephen Curry (son of former NBA sharpshooter Dell Curry) have led the Southern Conference champs to close losses to North Carolina (four points), Duke (six points) and UCLA (12 points).

Drake: First-year coach Keno Davis and senior guard Adam Emmenecker have led the Bulldogs to their first tournament birth since 1971. The 6-foot-1 Emmenecker, a former walk-on, had only two career starts before emerging as Missouri Valley Player of the Year his senior season.

Xavier: Winning the Atlantic 10 regular season title for the second consecutive season, the Musketeers went 26-5 overall and 14-2 in the Atlantic 10 as it set a regular-season school record for victories. Guard Stanley Burrell is a lock down defender who has the team ranked sixth in RPI, having scored big wins over Kansas State, Indiana and Dayton.

3. Playing against a new style

These teams employ a style that coaches hate to play against:

Georgetown: The Hoyas currently use the Princeton offense, which is a unique slow, disciplined style of play that is very rare in the modern college game. The hallmark of the offense is the backdoor pass. This experienced club has a unique weapon in 7-foot-2 Roy Hibbert.

Wisconsin: This team isn't coach Bo Ryan's most talented club, but the stifling defense that they employed led the country in scoring defense at 53.4 points per game. They will wear you down and force you to play their ugly style of game.

UCLA: The Bruins won their third straight Pac-10 title using coach Ben Howland's aggressive man-to-man defense. Guard Darren Collison's quickness will try to lead this team to its third straight Final Four.

North Carolina: One word to describe their fast break offense: relentless. The Tar Heels, using ultra-quick Ty Lawson will try to beat you down court and take quick shots which helped them score 86 points per game.

4. Players of the year

Tyler Hansbrough: The main cog in the nation's best team, Hansbrough is a low post player that craves physicality which leads to his nickname "Psycho T."

Michael Beasley: Months away from probably cashing in as the NBA's number one draft pick, B-Easy is a player that can single handedly take over a game with his superior skill.

Kevin Love: The nephew of the Beach Boys' lead singer Mike Love has had a spectacular freshman season at UCLA culminating into the Pac-10 Player of the Year as a freshman. He prides himself on his outstanding outlet pass, which leads to easy buckets.

Luke Harangody: 'Gody put in a sophomore campaign in which he helped his Irish finish second in the always strong Big East. The 6-foot-8 bruiser finished with 20.8 points per game and 10.2 rebounds per game.

NCAA tournament bracket

